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Annotated provisional agenda

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work.
3. Election of the Bureau.
4. Consideration of the draft Programme of Action of the Conference.
5. Adoption of the final outcomes of the Conference.
6. Adoption of the report of the Conference.
7. Other business.

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Annotations

In its resolution 57/242, the General Assembly decided that the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation should be convened at Almaty on 28 and 29 August 2003. The General Assembly also decided that the second session of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Conference would be held at Almaty from 25 to 27 August 2003.

1. Opening of the Conference

Pending the election of the Bureau, the Secretary-General of the Conference will open the session.

2. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

3. Election of the Bureau

The Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee elected its Bureau at its first session, held from 23 to 27 June 2003. The Bureau consists of 10 representatives of Member States from landlocked and transit developing countries and donor countries who were elected on the basis of equitable geographical representation. As is the practice, the members of the Bureau of the Committee will also serve as the Bureau of the Conference.

4. Consideration of the draft Programme of Action of the Conference

The Conference will consider the draft Programme of Action of the Conference. The Chairman's text was prepared as a result of the first session of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee.

Documentation

Report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee on its first session (contains the Chairman's text of the draft Programme of Action of the Conference)

Report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee on its second session

5. Adoption of the final outcomes of the Conference

6. Adoption of the report of the Conference

7. Other business

Annex I

Programme of work

Date/time	*Agenda item*	
Thursday, 28 August		
10 a.m-1 p.m.	1	Opening of the Conference
	2	Adoption of the agenda and programme of work
	3	Election of the Bureau
	4	Consideration of the draft Programme of Action of the Conference (General debate)
3-6 p.m.	4 (*continued*)	
Friday, 29 August		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	4 (*continued*)	
3-6 p.m.	5	Adoption of the final outcomes of the Conference
	6	Adoption of the report of the Conference
	7	Other business

Annex II

Parallel events

28 August 2003
3-6 p.m.

Parallel event: Trade facilitation measures
Lead agency: UNCTAD

29 August 2003
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Parallel event: High-level Investment Forum
Lead agency: World Bank

29 August 2003
3-6 p.m.

Parallel event: Trade facilitation and the regional commissions
Lead agency: Economic Commission for Europe

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Credentials of representatives to the Conference

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Pierre-Dominique **Schmidt** (Belgium)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 28 August 2003, the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee, namely, Belgium, China, Indonesia, Mali, Namibia, Peru, Paraguay, Russian Federation and the United States of America.

2. The Committee held its meeting on 28 August 2003.

3. Mr. Pierre-Dominique Schmidt (Belgium) was unanimously elected Chairman.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the secretariat of the Conference, dated 28 August 2003, concerning the credentials of representatives of Member States to the Conference. The representative of the Secretariat made a statement relating to the memorandum by the secretariat of the Conference, in which he, inter alia, updated the memorandum, indicating those credentials and communications received subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, formal credentials of representatives to the Conference, in the form required by rule 3 of its rules of procedure, had been received as of the time of the meeting of the Committee from the following 30 Member States: Benin, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Eritrea, Georgia, Greece, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Pakistan, Paraguay, Republic of Moldova, South Africa, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Turkey, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan.

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6. The European Commission, in accordance with rule 3, has also submitted its credentials.

7. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, information concerning the appointment of the representatives of Member States to the Conference had been communicated to the secretariat of the Conference, as of the time of the meeting of the Committee, by means of a cable or a telefax from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the ministries, embassies or permanent missions concerned, by the following 52 States: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Guinea, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Latvia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Myanmar, Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United States of America, Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

8. The Chairman recommended that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of all States mentioned in the memorandum, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the States referred to in paragraph 7 of the present report would be communicated to the secretariat of the Conference as soon as possible.

9. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted the following draft resolution:

> "*The Credentials Committee,*
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> "*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation of the States referred to in the memorandum of the Secretariat of the Assembly dated 28 August 2003,
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> "*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives of the States concerned."

10. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted without a vote.

11. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee recommend to the plenary of the Conference the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 13). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

12. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Conference.

Recommendation of the Committee

13. The Credentials Committee recommends to the plenary of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

The International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.